

# *A Business Owner's Guide to* Smokefree Indoor Air Act of Columbus

## Ordinance Summary

### *Smokefree Places Include...*

- All places of employment, including restaurants and bars, that are within the City of Columbus
- All enclosed areas, including buildings and vehicles, owned, leased, or operated by the City of Columbus
- All areas near entrances and exits of a smoke-free building, so that tobacco smoke does not enter through doorways, windows or ventilation systems.

### *Places Where Smoking is Still Allowed...*

- Private residences \*
- Hotel and motel rooms designated as "smoking," as long as the number of designated smoking rooms is no more than 20% of the total number of rooms
- Family-owned and operated businesses and offices of self-employed persons, as long as:
  - All employees are related to the owner
  - The enclosed areas of these businesses are not open to the public, and not in the same building with businesses where smoking is prohibited
  - The smoke must not infiltrate into enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited
- Retail tobacco stores
- Outdoor patios, that are:
  - Physically separated from the enclosed area of the establishment, and that
  - Do not allow smoke to enter open windows and doors
- Private clubs with a valid D-4 liquor permit

### *Owner's Obligations ...*

- Post "No Smoking" signs that include the number for reporting violations
- Adopt a written smoking policy
- Remove all ashtrays and other smoking receptacles

### *Violations and Penalties...*

- If a violation of this ordinance is found by a Columbus Health Department employee during inspection or a complaint is made via the compliant phone line:
  - First offense will incur a warning letter to the proprietor
  - All subsequent violations are punishable by a fine of \$150

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\*Smoking is prohibited in private residences that are licensed childcare facilities, adult daycare facilities or healthcare facilities.